(a) which are the States that are still not giving cooked mid-day meal to the children;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some States while at some places cooked meal are served and at others grain in lieu of cooked meals is distributed to the children;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) why Government have still not implemented the Supreme Court's directive so far and how long it will take for Government to implement the Supreme Court's directive in the whole country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) As per the available information, 25 States/UTs are providing cooked meals under the Mid-day Meal Scheme. Of these, while 15 States/UTs namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhatishgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Pondicherry & Chandigarh are providing meals across the respective State/UT; the programme is being partially implemented in 10 others namely, Haryana, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Uttaranchal, West Bengal and Delhi. Rest of the States/UTs are providing foodgrains under the scheme.

(d) As per the scheme, the Central Government provides, foodgrains, free to cost and admissible transportation charges on the basis of which implementing agencies in States are required to arrange cooked meals for the children. In the light of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Government has been constantly urging the States/UTs, currently not providing cooked meals, to implement a cooked meal programme.

Indian Language Promotion Council

650. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Language Promotion Council was set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to advise

Government on measures to be taken for the promotion, development and propagation of all Indian languages;

(b) the composition of the Council and the recommendation of the Council so far;

(c) the steps taken for the promotion, development and propagation of Telugu, the second widely spoken language in the country, in Hindi speaking States and UTs; and

(d) the details of the States, number of schools which introduced Telugu and the number of students who opted to learn the language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. So far no meeting of the Council for the Promotion of Language has taken place. The composition of the Council is indicated in the statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Primarily, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to promote the regional languages in the State. The Government of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Financial Assistance for Appointment of Modern Indian Language Teachers (other than Hindi) preferably a South Indian Language in Hindi Speaking States/UTs under which 100% financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for the appointment of Modern Indian Language Teachers (other than Hindi). No details regarding teachers appointed & number of schools teaching a particular language is maintained centrally.

Statement

Compsition of Council for the promotion of Languages

Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Secondary & Higher Education
(LANGUAGE DIVISION)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001
Dated: 21st March 2001

RESOLUTION

The Government of India in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary & Higher Education has decided to set up a Council for the Promotion of Languages with the following composition:-

(i)	Prime Minister	Chairman
(ii)	Minister of Human Resource Development	Deputy Chairman
(iii)	Dr. Vidya Niwas Mishra M-3D, Badshah Bagh, Varanasi-221002 (UP)	Member
(iv)	Dr. U.R. Anantha Murthy Extra-849, Avhaya, New Kanta Raja, URS Road, Sarawatipura, Mysore	Member
(v)	Dr. Nabonita Deb Sen Calcutta	Member
(vi)	Dr. L.M. Singhvi B-8, South Extn. II, New Delhi	Member
(vii)	Shri Ashok Vajpayi, Ex-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi National Hindi University, New Delhi	Member
(viii)	Dr. Gopichand Narang, D-252, Sarvodya Enclave, New Delhi-110001	Member
(ix)	Dr. C. Narayan Reddy M.P. 21, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110001	Member
(x)	Dr. Hari Chandran, Head of Oriya Department Viswa Bharti, Shantiniketan, Calcutta-1	Member
(xi)	Shri Prem Shankar Bhatt, H-108, Shivaji Park, New Delhi-110026	Member
(xii)	Prof. Olivette Gomes, Head, Department of Konkani, Goa University, Telegao, Goa	Member
(xiii)	Prof. P.C. Nair,	Member

	Prasadam, Planchery Lane, Thiruvananthapuram-695008 (Kerala)	
(xiv)	Prof. M.S. Ningonwa, Chief Investigator, DOE Manipur Language Project, Manipur University, Imphal-795003	Member
(xv)	Prof. Nar Bahadur Rai, Head, Nepali Department, Shillong College, Shillong-793008	Member
(xvi)	Prof. C.J. Daswani, UNESCO Consultant, UNESCO House, 8, Purvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110058	Member
(xvii)	Prof. Annamalai, 1047, Panchamantra Road, Mysore-570023	Member
(xviii)	Prof. Chandrakant Bandivadekar, 7, Shakuntal Sahitya Sahavas, Bandra (East, Mumbai-400051)	Member
(xix)	Prof. Sailen Bharti, 80, Guwahati University Campus, Guwahati-58	Member
(xx)	Prof. Maheep Singh, H-108, Shivaji Park, New Delhi-110026	Member
(xxi)	Prof. H.K. Kaul, 6, New Delhi Apartments Vasundara Enclave, Delhi-110096	Member
(xxii)	Dr. Dharmapal Singhal, 466, Mota Singh Nagar, Jalandhar-144001	Member
(xxiii)	Shri Brij Kishore Sharma, N-103, Dharm Apartments, 2, Indraprastha Extension, New Delhi-110092	Member
(xxiv)	Education Secretary,	Member Secretary

The Council will advise the Government on measures to be taken for the development, propagation and promotion of the Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India. The Council

will meet from time to time in consultation with the Chairman of the Council. It will function for a period of two years.

Sd/-

(BELA BANERJEE)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
F. No. 11-2/2000-D.II(L)

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to the Members of the Council; Director, Central Hindi Directorate; Chairman, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology; Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages; Director, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language; Director, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan; Director, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages; National Council for Educational Research and Training; Prime Minister's Office, Department of Parliamentary Affairs; Lok Sabha Secretariat; Ministries and Departments of Government of India.

Ordered that this Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

Sd/-

(BELA BANERJEE)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Quality of technical education in Orissa

651. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quality of technical education in Orissa